

MONTHLY SORTIE GOALS	
961st Airborne Air Control Squadron	
Monthly flying-hour contract	114.0
Hours flown	72.2
Monthly offset	-41.8
33rd Rescue Squadron	
Monthly flying-hour contract	222.0
Hours flown	136.3
Monthly offset	-85.7
909th Air Refueling Squadron	
Monthly flying-hour contract	455.0
Hours flown	470.3
Monthly offset	15.3
44th Fighter Squadron	
Monthly sortie contract	309.0
Sorties flown	211.0
Monthly offset	-98.0
67th Fighter Squadron	
Monthly sortie contract	64.0
Sorties flown	52.0
Monthly offset	-12.0
Source: 18th MOS/MXOOP, as of March 1	

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WEEKEND WEATHER

TODAY: Cloudy with rain showers
NW winds @ 15 knots
High: 75 Low: 64

SATURDAY: Mostly cloudy
N winds @ 15-20 knots
High: 64 Low: 57

SUNDAY: Mostly cloudy with rain showers
NW winds @ 12-15 knots
High: 63 Low: 54

FRIDAY MORNING'S
COMMUNITYBANK
EXCHANGERATES
BUYING: \$1=Y102 SELLING: Y108-\$1

18th SFS trains in urban warfare



Air Force/Airman George Edwards

CROSSHAIRS: Senior Airman Kimwa Edwards, 18th Security Forces Squadron, watches for enemy movement during an urban warfare field training exercise at Camp Schwab recently. The 18th SFS participated in several scenarios involving clearing buildings with enemy forces encamped.

ON THE MOVE: Staff Sgt. Eric Ingram and Airman 1st Class Issael Smith run for cover while under fire to regain control of a captured building.

Kadena chaplains conduct suicide intervention class

By 1st Lt. Chrystal Smith
18th Wing Public Affairs

Chaplains assigned to the 18th Wing conducted the Applied Suicide Intervention Skills Training workshop, Feb. 23-24 for a cross-section of Kadena personnel.

Thirty personnel learned that the difference between prevention and intervention could determine life or death in a crisis situation.

The two-day ASIST workshop is a Living Works Education program that has been around since 1985, and more than 400,000 people internationally have participated, said Chaplain (Capt.) Kleet Barclay, wing spokesperson.

"ASIST is about intervention, not prevention," said Chaplain Barclay. "Prevention is about stats. Intervention moves people away from the mindset of statistics and caus-

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The class is designed to enhance suicide first-aid resources, and benefits practically anyone from the "unit commander to the supervisor, to the co-worker to the newest person in the AF."

Maj. Jessica Baker, 623rd Air Control Flight commander, said the instructor taught a proven process for identifying the bigger picture of a person's issue to better assist them. "We have tendencies to only get a glimpse of people's issues," she said. "This workshop and the suicide interven-

tion model personalized the process."

Staff Sgt. Sean Bynum of the 390th Intelligence Squadron – a supervisor for about six years – raved that the class opened his eyes to the various types of people who actually contemplate suicide.

Senior Master Sgt. Tonia Savidge has been a first sergeant for almost four years. She said that the workshop answered the question, "How do you engage people long enough to get them the help they need?"

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Base civil engineers urge residents to conserve water

By Staff Sgt. Jason Lake
18th Wing Public Affairs

Although the Okinawa rainy season is in full swing, 18th Civil Engineer Squadron officials are asking Kadena residents to do their best to conserve water to prevent future water rationing.

According to Izumi Miyagi, 18th CES energy and utilities manager, Okinawa water reservoir levels are just below 75 percent, but if residents don't do their part to conserve water, local officials may have to start water rationing later on.

"Kadena uses 3.3 million gallons per day resulting in 2.6 percent of the island's total consumption," he said. "Kadena leadership is calling for its residents to conserve water on a voluntary basis."

Miyagi said some ways residents can contribute to the voluntary conservation effort is to: use the Army Air Force Exchange Service car wash, wash only full loads of laundry, refrain from watering lawns and washing dishes while running water continuously.

In spring 2004, water reservoir levels dropped below 50 percent resulting in Okinawan officials calling for water rationing. Heavy rains the weekend before rationing began saved residents from having their water shut off from 10 p.m. to 6 a.m. daily. If not for the heavy rains, it would have been the first time in 20 years that rationing was implemented.



Our commitment to unwavering professionalism

By Lt. Gen. Bruce A. Wright
U.S. Forces Japan and
5th Air Force commander

An unwavering commitment to the highest levels of professionalism will always be the foundation of what we do, and more important, who we are.

It is a privilege and honor to return to Japan, and I appreciate the warm welcome that you have given me and my family. We are looking forward to this assignment and the many opportunities it offers to develop and improve the Japan-U.S. security relationship. Moreover, we are looking forward to meeting and working with each of you, the members and supporters of our command.

This is my fourth assignment in Japan, and it is clear that our mission in support of the defense of Japan and peace and stability in the Asia-Pacific region is a mission that requires the consis-

tent and combined efforts of all U.S. forces in Japan, working together toward a common mission. Our mission success hinges on how effectively we can jointly and seamlessly interoperate, with each other, and with our Japanese military counterparts.

Those who attended my change of command ceremony heard me speak briefly on the subject of professionalism. It is useful for all of us that I offer a few more insights into my command philosophy – that is, how I intend to lead our command, and most important, what I expect from those of you who are assigned to or support our command. My command philosophy boils down to two words: unwavering professionalism.

To put my beliefs in context: each of our uniformed services has core values. Collectively, these values include such characteristics as integrity, service, excellence, honor, courage, commitment, loyalty, duty and respect. These values are founded on what the majority of us believe and can be further boiled down to two main principles that support the concept of unwavering professionalism: moral commitment and technical proficiency.

When I say moral commitment, I am talking about consistently doing the right thing, both in terms of what society expects of us, as well as what we should expect of ourselves when we look in the mirror.

When we joined the military services, we all swore an oath to support and defend the Constitution of the United States. In making that oath, we affirmed and committed ourselves to defending a way of life and a set of beliefs – because our Constitution not only defines our system of government, but also our national character as a free and democratic society whose citizens enjoy a wide array of rights, privileges

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and responsibilities – thanks in large part to the protection that we provide to our nation and its interests at home and abroad.

So the commitment we continue to make as defenders of the Constitution is a lasting one: it is an obligation



Lt. Gen. Bruce A. Wright

that we must meet 24/7, on or off duty, on and off our installations, in our professional and private lives. And it requires us to be consistently committed to upholding the highest principles of our profession of arms, and remaining loyal to these principles, even when they may seem unpopular or inconvenient.

That's moral commitment. If you see a relation between moral commitment and leadership, it's no coincidence.

Technical proficiency is even easier to understand, and, again, it applies to how the majority of us operate. It's about making a commitment to being the most competent individual you can be – both in your professional and personal conduct – and it's about taking that competency and applying it to helping others within the com-

mand reach our common objectives.

Most important, however, unwavering professionalism means taking these two principles – moral commitment and technical proficiency – and making them an integral part of our daily lives, and then regularly demonstrating it in leading by example every day, all the time, no matter who may or may not be around to see us.

After more than 30 years of serving in the armed forces, I am convinced that we will succeed beyond our highest expectations if each and every one of us adopts a commitment to these two principles of unwavering professionalism.

If some of this is new to you, that's okay. You now know about your new commander's "code of conduct" for U.S. Forces Japan. We can accept no less – from ourselves or our counterparts in the profession of arms. There is absolutely no doubt almost every single member of U.S. Forces Japan understands and lives by the standards I have described. For the very few who choose a different path, I will not abide standards that our force can not and will not accept. Those who cannot find the self-discipline to maintain the standards of our profession will not be tolerated within our ranks.

Thank you for your unwavering professionalism. The nation we serve, the allies we team with, and the tremendous responsibilities we are given to guarantee the credible combat capability of the U.S. - Japan Security Alliance demand no less.



A Kadena airman 1st class from the 18th Security Forces Squadron was convicted of driving while intoxicated with a breath-alcohol content of .096 percent. He was demoted to airman basic, received a \$500 fine, given 30 days restriction and reprimanded.

ACTION LINES

E-mail: 18wg.cchotline@kadena.af.mil



Brig. Gen.
Jan-Marc Jouas
18th Wing commander

The 18th Wing is very interested in ideas that can make Kadena an even better place to live, work and play. If you have a concern that you have been unable to resolve through normal chains of command, then we'll look into it. Although not required, it's better to give commanders, first sergeants or the agencies with which you have the concern the opportunity to correct the situation first. When that fails, send us an e-mail. Include your name and telephone number so someone can get back to you, and a brief summary of your concern.



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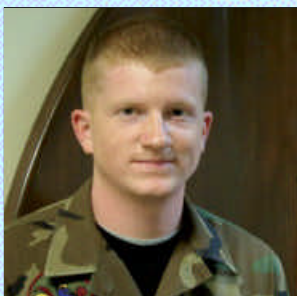
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SHOGUN WARRIOR OF THE WEEK



Airman 1st Class Eric Summarell

18th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron electrical and environmental systems specialist
Hometown: Monroe, Ala.

Reason for nomination: Airman Summarell is a recent recipient of senior airman below-the-zone and performed outstanding maintenance practices during the Keen Sword deployment at Hyakuri Air Base, Japan.

Time at Kadena: 1 year, 1 month

Editor's note : Shogun Warriors are selected by unit leaders for their outstanding value to their unit and dedication to the Kadena mission. To nominate someone, send the name of your nominee to your unit commander or senior enlisted leaders.

DON'T DRINK AND DRIVE: Did you know -- Accidents caused by drunk drivers are the most frequent violent crimes in the United States. Plan ahead or call Airmen Against Drunk Driving at **634-2233**.

24-HOUR HELP LINE: The Joint Services Help Line is available for people who need to talk to someone about stress, depression, abuse, parenting, or other issues. Call the help line at **634-HELP(4357)** or **938-0992** from off-base telephones; the abuse line at **634-3123**; or teens can call **634-CARE(2273)**.

ENERGYCONSERVATION TIP: Turn off PCs, monitors, printers, and copiers nightly and on weekends, or at least turn off the monitor and printer. If everyone on Kadena switched off home and office computers, it would reduce Kadena's energy bill by \$350,000.

OPERATION KUDOS: The Kids Understanding Deployment Operations kicks off **Saturday** from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. for children ages 5 to 18. Children will process through a deployment line, receive dog tags and IDs, and view tent exhibits, radios, masks and other displays. Kids can wear mom or dad's battle dress uniform or desert camouflage uniform shirts. To register or find out more, call the Family Support Center at **634-7567**.

LEGAL OFFICE HOURS CHANGE: The Legal Office hours will change starting **Monday**. The new hours for legal assistance walk-ins will be Monday, Wednesday and

Thursday from 9 to 10 a.m. and Tuesday from 1 to 2 p.m. For Power of Attorney or Notaries walk-in assistance, the office will be open Monday through Friday from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

AEF 5/6 PRE-DEPLOYMENT BRIEFING: An Air Expeditionary Force five and six pre-deployment briefing will be held **Thursday** at 8 a.m. in the Keystone Theater for commanders and unit deployment managers, and 1 p.m. for deployers. Call Capt. Andrew Stengel or Vanessa Marratt at **634-1819** for more information.

TUITIONASSISTANCE PROCEDURES: Military registration for the University of Maryland and Central Texas College will be held **Thursday** through **March 18**. Airmen interested in receiving tuition assistance can pick up and submit the required forms before registration to the Kadena Education Office Monday to Wednesday between 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Forms can be obtained by going to <https://www.afvec.langley.af.mil>. Call **634-1500** for more information.

WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH HEALTH FORUM: Get a buffet lunch at the Women's History Month brown bag lunch and health forum **Thursday** at 11:30 a.m. at the Kadena Officers Club Daedalian Room. Contact Capt. Shuree Gillespie or 1st Lt. Megan Kranenburg on the global address list for more information.

SINGLE PARENT APPRECIATION: The Family Support Center will host a single parent appreciation celebration **March 18** from

3 to 5 p.m. at Marek Park. Enjoy free food, free family photographs, and discuss single parent issues. All military single parents and their children are invited. Call **634-3366** to sign up.

KDHS GRADUATION SALE: The Kadena High School class of 2005 will hold a carpet, beautiful jewelry, and antique furniture sale **March 19** from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. and **March 20** from noon to 4 p.m. at the KDHS cafeteria. All proceeds benefit the graduating class.

KESC MEETING: The Kadena Enlisted Spouses Club will hold a membership meeting **March 21** at 6:30 p.m. in the Rocker NCO Club. KESC will be accepting nominations for the annual elections.

WOMEN'S HISTORY 5K: The Risner Fitness Center will hold a free Women's History Month 5K Fun Run **March 25** at 8 a.m. Contact Capt. Shuree Gillespie or 1st Lt. Megan Kranenburg on the global

Easter Chapel Hours

CATHOLIC

Communal Penance Service
Tuesday--Chapel 1 at 7 p.m.

Palm Sunday
March 19--Chapel 2 at 5 p.m.
March 20--Chapel 3 at 8:30 a.m.
†Chapel 1 at 12:30 and 5 p.m.

Holy Thursday
March 24--Chapel 1 at 6 p.m.

The Blessed Sacrament
March 24--Chapel 1 from 7:30 p.m. to midnight

Good Friday
March 25--Chapel 2 at noon

The Lord's Passion
March 25--Chapel 2 at 6 p.m.

Holy Saturday
March 26--Chapel 1 at 7:30 p.m.

Easter Sunday
March 27--Chapel 3 at 8:30 a.m.
†Chapel 1 at 12:30 and 5 p.m.

PROTESTANT

Holy Thursday
March 24--Chapel 3 at 7 p.m.

Good Friday
March 25--Chapel 3 at 7 p.m.

Holy Saturday
March 26--Chapel 3 at 7 p.m.

Easter Sunday
March 27--
†Buses leave the Schilling Community Center at 5 a.m. for a Sunrise Worship Service at Camp Courtney's Tengan Castle at 6 a.m.
†Inspirational service
Chapel 2 at 8:30 a.m.
†Liturgical service
Chapel 3 Annex at 8:45 a.m.
†Evangelical service
Chapel 1 at 9 a.m. and 10:45 a.m.
†General Protestant service
Chapel 2 at 10:30 a.m.
†Gospel service
Chapel 3 at 10:30 a.m.
†Easter Cantata
Chapel 1 at 7 p.m.



address list for more details.

ESTATE CLAIMS: Capt. Joseph Taylor was appointed Summary Court Officer in the interest of Airman 1st Class Mark Ezell. If there are any claims against the estate, contact Captain Taylor by e-mail on the global address list or call **634-3027**.

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A few good men and women



Air Force/Senior Airman Mercedes McAlister



(Left to right--front) Staff Sgt. Danny Varela, Airman 1st Class Kristofer Sekely, Staff Sgt. Ronald Punzalan, Airman 1st Class Melissa Cortes, Senior Airman Jerry Daniels, (Left to right--rear) Staff Sgt. Charles Crain, Senior Airman Robert Coleman, Airman 1st Class Kyema Gardner, and Senior Airman Tarrick Jackson, 18th Logistics Readiness Squadron, pose while wearing recently awarded Army Commendation Medals. A total of 24 18th LRS Airmen received the medal for supporting the Army. The Airmen worked jointly with Soldiers performing convoy and flight line operations during their eight month Iraq deployment.

'Editors note - There are 15 other 18th LRS Airmen, not pictured in the photo, who received the Army Commendation Medal.

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They all echoed that the ASIST workshop provided effective tools on how to engage those who have made the choice to commit suicide long enough to get them the professional help they need.

"The normal coworker is empowered to step out and intervene," said Chaplain Barclay. "They leave with more confidence to intervene because it [ASIST workshop] develops a common language between the caregiver and the professional."

All participants interviewed agreed that the chaplains did an "excellent job" instructing the workshop, and the skills they taught could help anyone in any situation.

The session is offered almost quarterly to all interested personnel and work centers can request group training. Due to the fact that there are only four certified instructors on the island, scheduling can be challenging. Additionally requesters must plan to be away from their work centers two days.

For more details about the ASIST workshop, contact the Chaplain Office at 634-1288.

Chief Camac takes wing's top enlisted spot

By Senior Airman Anna Fitzhorn
18th Wing Public Affairs

Kadena received a new command chief Saturday when Chief Master Sgt. Clinton Camac took over the 18th Wing's top enlisted position.

The chief's Air Force career began as an administrative specialist after graduating from basic training in 1980. Since that time the chief has had seven other assignments, serving twice as a wing command chief.

Chief Camac, a Newark, Del. native, was most recently the command chief at the 99th Air Base Wing at Nellis Air Force Base, Nev. The chief said that since issues at Nellis will most likely be different from those at Kadena, it's important for him to take stock the first 30 to 60 days to learn what Kadena's needs and issues are before developing any specific goals.

To help that process along, Chief Camac plans to be a sponge during the next few months.

"In general, my goal is to help make Kadena a better place to work and live for all military members and their families," he said. "However, my spe-

cific goals will be determined by the needs of our mission and people--and will complement those already established by commanders."

Though he has just begun to make his assessment of Kadena, the chief said there are a few special items of interest he plans to focus on more closely.

"Suicide prevention, sexual assault, domestic violence, and alcohol related incidents are all important issues in our Air Force today," he said. "For our people's sake, we must remain focused on these issues and ensure they're on the front-burner of our priorities."

Still, after spending less than a week here, Chief Camac said he's very excited to be part of Team Kadena.

"This place is awesome," the chief said. "What other base has this many units and people, representing so many different branches of service and Air Force major commands, and still be able to work and live together as one team?"

"Add to that the opportunity to live in Okinawa and experience its beautiful people and culture and you have the absolute best assignment in the Air Force," he explained.

As the new command chief makes his rounds to get oriented with the base, he said there are a few things he wants Team Kadena to know about him.

"Please know that I'm approachable," he said. "I don't want anyone to be intimidated by my position as command chief. The star on my rank insignia [indicating command chief] doesn't stand for status; the star indicates approachability, openness, compassion and understanding."

In short, the chief represents and supports Team Kadena by advising the 18th Wing commander on enlist-

ed force issues.

"I'm here to serve," he said. "To serve everyone who steps on Kadena; so if you have a need or issue, please call on my service."



Chief Master Sgt.
Clinton Camac

KADENA SPOTLIGHTS

Congratulations to the following Pacific Air Forces 2004 Communications and Information award winners:

-- Outstanding Airman of the Year: **Senior Airman Jessica L. Ledlow**, 18th Mission Support Group -- Outstanding NCO of the Year: **Tech. Sgt. Richard W. Freeland**, 18th Communications Squadron -- Outstanding Airman of the Year: **Senior Airman Larry L. Kisser**, Detachment 3 -- Outstanding Civilian Technician of the Year: **Richard L. Burbank**, 18th Communications Squadron -- Outstanding Civilian Assistant of the Year: **Hiroyasu Kuda**, Detachment 3

Congratulations to the following Pacific Air Forces 2004 Logistics Readiness award winners:

-- Fuels Senior NCO of the Year: **Senior Master Sgt. Herbert L. Shirlee** -- Trans-

portation Senior NCO of the Year: **Senior Master Sgt. Dean E. Sprague** -- Transportation NCO of the Year: **Tech. Sgt. Michael E. Harris**

Congratulations to the following Pacific Air Forces Command and Control award winners:

-- Large Command Post: **18th Wing Operations Center**-- Senior Controller: **Master Sgt. Shawn Foster** -- Airman Controller: **Senior Airman Bennie Bellvin**

Congratulations to **Capt. Eric W. Hudson** of the 909th Air Refueling Squadron who was selected as the Pacific Air Forces 2004 Institute of Navigation's Superior Achievement award winner.

Congratulations to the following Pacific Air Forces 2004 Medical Service award winners:

-- Brig. Gen. Sarah P. Wells Airman: **Airman 1st Class Sarafia V. Powell** -- Brig. Gen. Sarah P. Wells NCO: **Tech. Sgt. Carissa M. Parker** -- Col. Donald D. Dunton Ophthalmic Senior NCO of the Year: **Master Sgt. Gerar-**

do Aguilar -- Chief Master Sgt. Michael A. Gambuti Pharmacy Airman of the Year: **Airman 1st Class Natasha A. Gregory** -- Pharmacy Senior NCO of the Year: **Master Sgt. Ann M. Hood** -- Outstanding Social Worker of the Year: **Maj. Tonita R. Bell-Buck**

Outstanding Medical Logistics Account of the Year:

-- Medical Material Airman: **Senior Airman Silvia M. Ingram** -- Medical Material NCO: **Staff Sgt. Melissa R. Bell** -- Medical Logistics Officer: **Capt. Matthew S. Krauchunas** Olson/Wegner Outstanding Aerospace Medicine Awards:

-- Airman: **Airman 1st Class Kristen T. Parker** -- NCO: **Tech. Sgt. Glenn H. Kerr**

Congratulations to Kadena Air Base for winning first place in the family housing category of the 2004 Pacific Air Forces Energy award.

Congratulations to the following annual 2004 5th Air Force Judge Advocate general award winners:

-- Harold R. Vague award: **Catherine Robin-**

son -- James O. Wrightson award: **Ken McKay** -- Karen Yates-Popwell award: **Senior Master Sgt. Stacey Willard** -- Reginald C. Harmon award: **Maj. Gayle Hellinger**

Congratulations to the following 2005 first quarter Pacific Air Forces Services quarterly award winners:

-- Company Grade Officer: **1st Lt. Pablo A. Buckingham**, food service officer -- Senior NCO: **Senior Master Sgt. Johnnie D. Smith Jr.**, food service superintendent -- Airman: Senior Airman **Sara J. Higgins**, food service production chef -- Manager: **Chiemi Karimata**, executive assistant to the commander

Congratulations to the following Pacific Air Forces 2004 Public Affairs Excellence award winners:

-- Best Single Event Coverage: **18th Wing Public Affairs** for Special Olympics -- Outstanding Field Grade Officer Individual award: **Maj. Michael Paoli**, 18th Wing

Putting the pedal to the pine



Air Force/Airman George Edwards

Boy Scouts, leaders and parents from Kadena's Pack 109 gathered at Kadena Middle School Feb. 26 to conduct an annual Pinewood Derby race. The derbies are held annually around the world by Boy Scouts to provide the opportunity to design a car from pine wood blocks. The tradition began in the mid-1950s.

CGOs get lesson from historian

By 1st Lt. Gerardo Gonzalez
18th Wing Public Affairs

Kadena company grade officers received career advice during the 3-day CGO Professional Development Seminar last week, and gained insight into the Pacific war from a long-time Okinawa resident and renowned historian.

Dr. Gordon Warner, a 93-year-old combat veteran, professor and expert on the Pacific battles of World War II, spoke to officers and taught a lesson about the war Tuesday at the Schilling Community Center.

The former Marine provided detailed accounts of the shaping of the Pacific war by American and Japanese military leaders. He also shared facts, gave cultural advice and addressed war myths.

"There was talk about Kamikaze pilots drinking a cup of something prior to their missions," Dr. Gordon said. "It was just water."

"They considered water the purest of drinks," Dr. Gordon said, dispelling the myth that Kamikazes may have drunk Sake or another

beverage to boost their courage.

The visit by Dr. Warner was a special treat for course attendants, who also included CGO's from other Pacific air bases, according to 1st Lt. Arturo Tibayan, Company Grade Officers Club president.

Dr. Warner was a highly recommended speaker, said the lieutenant. He had a distinguished military career in which he earned the Navy Cross and Purple Heart medals. After retiring, he returned to Okinawa as a professor and became a leading authority on the Battle of Okinawa. Dr. Warner published numerous books that have been recognized internationally.

A history lesson on the WWII battles of the Pacific may not be something that CGO's can use daily in their careers, but it's important to remember the historical facts, according to Dr. Warner.

Loss of life is one of the war facts Dr. Warner believes is worth noting.

"American troops fought to capture a number of islands that later proved to be worthless," he said. "Some islands such as Iwo Jima

were significant and had to be taken, but others were not."

"They could have been bypassed," said Dr. Warner, who still carries fragmentation embedded in his body from his time in combat. "Look at what it cost ... thousands and thousands of lives lost."

"For his achievements and contributions [to Japan], Dr. Warner received the Order of the Sacred Treasure from the Japanese government," said Lieutenant Tibayan. He is the only foreigner to have ever been presented this award—Japan's second highest civilian academic honor.

"He's accomplished so much in his lifetime," said the lieutenant. "For a man known for his continuous selfless acts throughout his life, it was only proper that we welcome his knowledge, experience and perspectives on leadership and military history."

Dr. Warner was one of the guest speakers during the CGOC-sponsored seminar that included discussions on mentoring, feedback and readiness.

PACAF command chief leaves for ACC position

By Staff Sgt. Martin Jackson
PACAF Public Affairs

HICKAM AIR FORCE BASE, Hawaii — Pacific Air Forces Command Chief Master Sergeant David Popp addressed PACAF Airmen for the last time Feb. 22 during an enlisted call here.

Chief Popp, who has been selected to be the new Command Chief for Air Combat Command, spent the last two and one half years at PACAF, during which he logged nearly 460 TDY days, traveling throughout the command visiting what he refers to as PACAF's "CEOs:" Civilians, Enlisted and Officers.

"At least half of my tour was spent on the road, but I'm not complaining. When I signed up I understood I would be the eyes and ears for what is going on in the field for PACAF's senior leadership," Chief Popp said. "Many of PACAF's directors don't have the time or resources to go down as deep into the weeds, visiting with the individual Airmen and understanding them to the extent that I have been able to do since I've been here."

It's through these numerous TDYs and talks with Airmen that he has been able to focus on his five key areas that he refers to as "TRIPS:" Training and education, Recognition, Infrastructure, Policy and Satisfaction.

"Along with PACAF leadership, I wanted to make sure Airmen were not only ready for the fight, with great training and education, but also being taken care of through fair and consistent recognition programs and adequate facilities," Chief Popp said. "Additionally, during every trip I made sure I brought back word to PACAF's leadership about PACAF Airmen's top and bottom three issues taking place at each base."

Chief Popp also challenged Airmen to stay focused on the mission with added interest in what he calls "S4:" Suicide, Sexual Assault, Safety and Stress.

"We need to keep working as a team to prevent and eliminate suicides and sexual assaults within our Air Force family. Our education and training efforts are making a difference, but we need to continue as a team to protect each other," the Chief said. "We are in a dangerous, fast-paced business and it is easy to get caught up in the day-to-day [work], forgetting about our safety and the ever-growing stresses."

"This is all the more reason we need to look out for one another; and as supervisors do our best to control and safeguard the on-and off-duty environments of our Airmen," Chief Popp said.

NEWS BRIEFS

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EASTER CANTATA: Join rehearsals and sing or help provide child care for the choir performance of "Shout for Joy" from 7 to 8:30 p.m. every Monday at Chapel 1. The performance will be held **Mar. 26-27**. Call **633-1295** for more details.

SCHOLARSHIPS: Applications are being accepted for Kadena Enlisted Spouses Club scholarships through **March 30**. KESC will award a minimum of six \$1,000 scholarships to students and spouses of enlisted members that are currently enrolled in college or post-secondary education. For more information contact Master Sgt. Leroy Sapp on the global address list or Lisa

Hunt at hunt2000@oasis.mediatti.net.

◆ The Kadena Officers Spouses Club scholarship program is available to college students who are SOFA status dependents of active-duty or retired Airmen of any rank, or any member of the KOSC in good standing. Applications may be picked up at the KOSC Gift Corner or the Kadena Library and must be received by **March 31**. Call 633-6705 for more details.

HELP LINE TRAINING: A joint services 24-Hour Help Line training class will be held **April 9** and **April 16** from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Family Support Center to provide non-directive counseling, crisis intervention, and referrals training. Anyone of SOFA status 20 years

and older may register until **March 28**. Participants must attend both days. Call **634-0684** for more details.

SUMMER HIRE PROGRAM: Applications for the 2005 Kadena Summer Hire Program can be picked up and turned in at the civilian personnel flight, Bldg. 721-A, second floor, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Tuesday through Thursday until **April 28**. SOFA dependents of military and civilian employees ages 14 through 22 are eligible to apply. Employment will begin July 11 and end Aug. 5. Call **634-1358** for more information.

DFAS WEB SITE MOVE: The Defense Finance and Accounting Service public Web

site moved to a new location on the internet. The old site, www.dfas.mil, will remain available through March 31. Then, users will be redirected to the new site, www.dod.mil/dfas.

LIGHTERS PROHIBITED IN AIRPORTS: The Transportation Security Administration recently announced that all lighters will be prohibited in security controlled areas of airports and onboard aircraft starting April 14. This action is in response to a provision in the Intelligence Reform and Terrorism Prevention Act of 2004 which was signed into law by the president in December, and requires that butane lighters be added to TSA's Prohibited Item's List.

All in the name of fun

Bob Hope students visit Kitatama Elementary School



(Above right) Brianna Ince and Tokoyashi Hirira weave an intricate design of string with their fingers in a Japanese girls game called Ayayori during an exchange between Bob Hope Primary School and Kitatama Elementary School students March 4. More than 160 third-grade students from Bob Hope Primary School visited Kitatama Elementary School in Chatan Town, Japan.

CHIPS: (Right side) Travis Gurley, Julia Cross, Hayden Richards and Sarah Tate, play a game of Di Dama with Kitatama Elementary School third-graders March 4. Di Dama is a traditional Japanese game common with both girls and boys. The objective of the game is for players to knock as many marble pieces off the table by flicking their own pieces toward the other player's. The pieces knocked off are awarded to the player.

BALANCE: Christian Laney and Daniel Beall play a game of "sword and ball" during the Kitatama Elementary School visit.





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CURIOSITY: (Left to right) Shayna Woods, Hanna Rad, and Mya Snow, third-graders from Bob Hope Primary School review rules for an origami game with Kitatama's third-grade students during a cultural exchange March 4.

DANCE: Nanami Higa, a Kitatama third-grader, performs Hatuma Bushi – a fast tempo dance about a fertile rice harvest – for visiting Bob Hope Elementary School students March 4.



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WELCOME: Yuta Matsukawa (above right), a Kitatama Elementary School fourth-grader, welcomes Bob Hope Primary School students to his school by playing the three-stringed guitar, or Sanshin, while his classmates perform a classical dance called Kagiyadefu.

BINGO: Third-grade students from Bob Hope Primary and Kitatama Elementary schools play games together as part of a cultural exchange.



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Yvette Mitchell, (above right) shows her daughter, Aleysha, how to finger weave during a cultural exchange between Bob Hope Primary and Kitatama Elementary schools.

The Okinawa Perspective

The following is a synopsis of articles that appeared recently in Japanese newspapers.

□ A group of 130 Marines assigned to the 31st Marine Expeditionary Unit returned to Kadena Air Base from Iraq March 6. About 2,200 personnel from the 31st MEU participated in the Iraq mission which included providing security during the elections in Fallujah. The unit reported losing 50 Marines during their deployment and another 221 injured in combat-related actions. About 20 of the units Futenma-based helicopters and the majority of its members will return to Okinawa by the end of this month.

□ Okinawa Governor Keiichi Inamine commented during a press conference March 4 on the return of Marine helicopters during exams at Okinawa International University. "It is absolutely regrettable," he said. "They told us that they would return from over water but they actually flew over a residential area. I wish that they would pay consideration to the delicate emotions of residents."

□ Okinawa residents experienced only 35 hours of sunshine in February. Weather officials said February was dreary and depressing with only a single day of real sunshine. It is the fourth worst month since records started being kept more than a century ago. The shortest amount of sunshine in one month was 29 hours in 1905. February 2000 was close behind with 32.6 hours of sunshine. Forecasters said March promises to be more of the same with a slight increase in sunshine.

□ North Korea and China have been building up their armed forces. Okinawa is growing in strategic importance in view of such military expansion. Okinawa is located an hour's flight to both the Korean Peninsula and Taiwan. With an eye to North Korea or a China-Taiwan crisis, Okinawa is of high geopolitical importance, and the United States has to sustain its deterrent capability. From such a strategic point of view, a government official said, "Japan cannot urge the United States to relocate Futenma's functions to an overseas base."



Exploring Okinawa's treasures

Photos by Christina Arganda

SHOPPING: Marie Wakefield, 18th Services Squadron librarian, shops in a small stand at Nakijin Castle during the ITT Explore the North Tour Sunday. The castle was the center of the 14th Century Kingdom which ruled northern Okinawa for over 300 years. The tour also included stops at the Nago Pineapple Winery, the Churason Dance Theater, and the Orion Brewery.

MIND YOUR STEP: Marie Wakefield, 18th Services Squadron librarian, and her husband George Coston, walk down the steps of the Nakijin Castle during the Explore the North Tour with ITT Sunday.



DANCERS: Okinawan dancers at the Churason Dance Theater perform a traditional dance during the ITT Explore the North Tour. The dance tells the story of a couple in a fishing village.

Q : What is a Shiimii and when do the Japanese celebrate it?

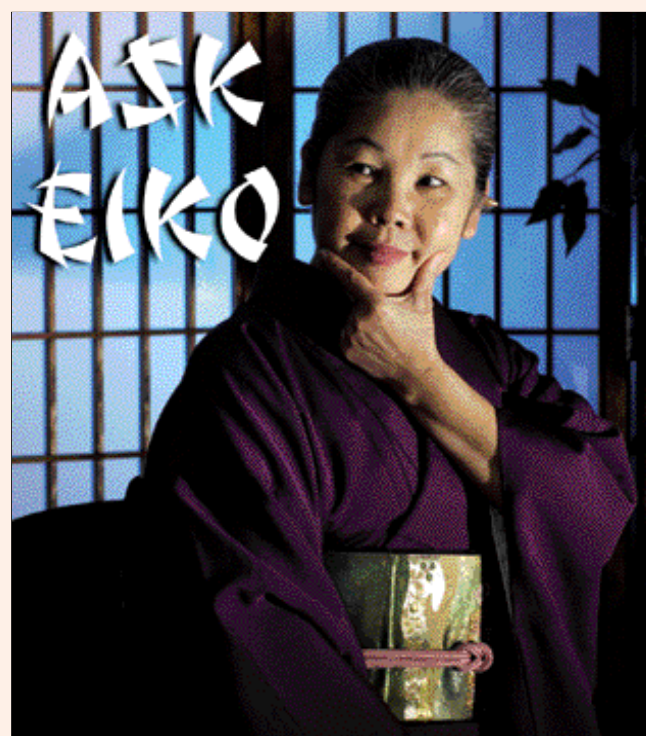
A : In Okinawa, we believe our ancestral spirits are always nearby, observing our lives. Some have titled this belief as "ancestor worship," but I believe "worship" is too strong a term, one that leads many people to equate our beliefs with those of a formal religion. We do not "worship" our ancestors in the same fashion normally described when one is "worshipping" the god of his or her religion. It would be better to say that we "honor" our deceased ancestors.

We have times set aside to formally honor these ancestors. The timing for these events is based on the lunar calendar with the 24 divisions of the traditional Chinese solar seasons serving as the guide. O-bon is the most well-known of these events. Shiimii is one of the other significant times.

Shiimii is the Okinawan term for the event called Seimeisai in Japanese. There is no special day or date set aside for Shiimii. Instead, families celebrate Shiimii on any auspicious day in the third month of the lunar calendar. Since the third lunar month normally coincides with part of April in the Gregorian calendar, most families pick any auspicious day in April, although some traditionalists adhere strictly to completing the celebration during the appropriate lunar month.

In Okinawa, family tombs are patrilineal, meaning they follow the male side of the family. During the Shiimiii season, entire clans gather at the family tomb. First, we thoroughly clean the area around the tomb. Once the tomb is cleaned, most families burn incense and make offerings of traditional food. Some families perform ritual songs and dances. After that, it tends to become a picnic-like event, with good food, drink and time spent renewing family relationships.

According to the Okinawa Times, Shiimiii is based on Taoist philosophy brought to Okinawa by the Chinese who first settled in the Kume District of Naha. The custom was



"Ask Eiko" is a forum for readers to ask Japanese cultural questions to Kadena's family support center's cultural awareness expert, Eiko Ishikawa. To submit a question, send an e-mail to: ask.eiko@kadena.af.mil

first formally adopted by King Sho Boku in 1768 and was only observed by royal families. As time passed, the ritual came to be conducted by common people, becoming intertwined with the many observances to honor deceased ancestors.

When traffic seems especially heavy on weekends in late March and throughout April, and you see lots people sitting in front of the tombs appearing to have a picnic—it is just us celebrating Shiimii, one of the unique aspects of our Okinawan culture.

Catholic

▲ Monday through Friday : Mass, Chapel 2, noon.

▲ Saturday : Confession, Chapel 2, 3:30 to 4:30 p.m.
Vigil Mass, Chapel 2, 5 p.m.

▲ Sunday : Mass, Chapel 3, 8:45 a.m.
Mass, Chapel 1, 12:30 p.m. and 5 p.m.

Protestant

▲ Wednesday : Bible Study, Chapel 2, 7 p.m.

▲ Sunday : Inspirational, Chapel 2, 8:30 a.m.
Liturgical, Chapel 3, 8:45 a.m.
Evangelical, Chapel 1, 9 a.m. and 10:45 a.m.
General Protestant, Chapel 2, 10:30 a.m.
Gospel, Chapel 3, 10:30 a.m.
Sunday school, Bldg. 326 & Bldg. 327, 10:45 a.m.

▲ Hindu service: Mondays, Chapel 1, noon.

▲ Eastern Orthodox service: call 645-7486

▲ Jewish services: call 637-1027

▲ Islamic services: call 636-3219

Okinawa wins silver in Special Olympics



Courtesy photo by Charles "Chip" Steitz
An athlete from the Okinawa floor hockey team shoots against the U.S. team in the Special Olympics World Winter Games in Nagano Sunday. The Okinawa team, coached by a Kadena Marina staff member Ayako Kinjo, beat the United States 4-0 and took home the silver medal in the games overall. This was the first time a team from Okinawa, trained and equipped by members of Team Kadena and other servicemembers on-island, participated in the world games and the first time Japan received a medal in floor hockey.

By Senior Airman
Anna Fitzhorn
18th Wing Public Affairs

The Okinawan floor hockey team returned Sunday with a silver medal in floor hockey from the 2005 Special Olympics World Winter Games held in Nagano.

About fourteen 17- and 18-year-old special needs students from the Koto-Yogo School in Gushikawa City comprise the Okinawa "Red Shisas"-- a team founded by service members four years ago.

More than 10 service members from the Air Force, Marine Corps, Navy, Department of Defense Dependents Schools Pacific, volunteered hundreds of hours to help train the athletes and enhance their hockey skills and knowledge.

In all, the team has trained for more than four years to be able to compete in the Special Olympic Games with 86 countries.

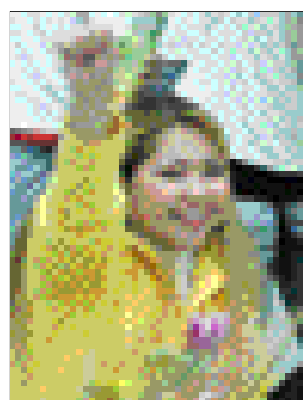
Ayako Kinjo, who works at Kadena Marina's dive shop and is head coach of the team, said

the team practiced nearly twice a week to gear up for the competition.

"They worked so hard," she said, "and I was really impressed with what they were able to accomplish."

The Okinawa team was one of 43 teams to participate in this year's Special Olympics floor hockey games. The team competed in 13 games during the Special Olympics and were excited to take away a silver medal.

"I think the U.S. service members participation helped big time," Kinjo said. "Their attitude



Ayako Kinjo

and support not only pumped up the kids but encouraged our local volunteers too."

Sports briefs

FITNESS CHALLENGE

Monday

Falcon Fitness Center

Join the Falcon Fitness Center for a fitness challenge that includes push-ups, pull-ups, crunches, a 1.5 mile run and a 300 yard shuttle run. Each participant must compete in each event and scores totaled will determine the winner.

JAPAN-U.S. BASEBALL GAMES

March 19

Chibana Recreation Area at noon

The American Consulate General in cooperation with Okinawa City, the Okinawa City International Association, the U.S. Parents' Association, and the Organization of Japanese Coaches, will hold the Opening Day Japan-U.S. Friendship Baseball (and softball) Games March 19 at noon at the Chibana Recreation Area. Six American and Japanese teams will play during the day.

TRACK COACHES NEEDED

March - April

The 2005 Kadena High School track team needs adult volunteer coaches with previous experience in running or field events. The season runs until the end of April with practices held from 2:30 to 4:30 p.m. daily. Call 634-1216 for more information.

GOLF TOURNAMENT

March 21

Falcon Fitness Center at 2 p.m.

The Kadena Top III is sponsoring a four-person scramble golf tournament March 18 at the Banyan Tree Golf Course. Contact Master Sgt. Sharron Dangerfield at 634-2167 or Senior Master Sgt. John Decker at 630-4232 for more information.

VOLLEYBALL COACHES MEETING

March 21

Falcon Fitness Center at 2 p.m.

LACROSSE CLUB

Saturdays

Camp Foster Field House

Those interested in playing lacrosse can join the Okinawa Lacrosse Club every Saturday from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. behind the Camp Foster Field House. Call 645-7094 or visit www.okilax-club.com for more details.

Basketball Standings

Division 1

TEAM	W	L
18 CMS.....	10	1
18 SVS.....	9	1
18 AMXS.....	8	2
18 LRS (A).....	6	4
18 CS.....	6	4
733 AMS.....	6	5
18 SFS.....	6	5
18 CES (A).....	5	5
18 EMS (B).....	3	7
VP-8.....	2	9
18 CES (C).....	1	10
18 EMS (A).....	1	10

Division 2

TEAM	W	L
353 OSS.....	10	1
18 AMDS/DS.....	10	1
18 MOS.....	9	2
961 AACs.....	8	3
18 CES (B).....	6	5
18 OSS.....	6	5
18 LRS (B).....	4	7
82 RS.....	4	7
390 IS.....	4	7
554 RHS.....	3	8
18 CONS.....	1	10
18 CES (D).....	1	10

Standings are current as of March 9

18th CES (A) beats VP-8, 51-39

Brian Lubitz, #40 for the VP-8 team (center), drives in for a layup against Michael Cortez, #4, and Armando Valdez, #51 of the 18th Civil Engineer Squadron "A" team, during a matchup Monday. The 18th CES (A) beat the VP-8 team 51-39.



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